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POSTAL CLERKS

ARE KEPT BUSY

Washington Dec. 21.—Reports from the great centers of population of the United States indicate that Uncle Sam is still abashed of the flood of holiday mail which threatens to swamp the postoffice department.

Santa Claus, however, in the persons of millions of givers all over the nation, is bombarding the letter and parcel post departments with a quantity of matter which makes the ultimate decision in the annual bout between the patron saint of the holiday season and postal official a matter of conjecture.

The crucial test of the postal system will take place during the next three days, when consignors of Christmas cheer will really get in their fine work.

The parcel post is at bottom to blame for making this year's holiday rush more trying than heretofore. Citizens have availed themselves of this means of cheap and speedy transportation to a degree that has increased the business of the postal service from 50 to 70 per cent even at this early date. Extra shifts and increased working forces are wrestling with the problem in all the big distributing points.

The worst congestion in mails is reported from Denver, Colo., where a heavy fall of snow has added a handicap to collectors and distributors of mailed Christmas presents. Here there is said to be enough mail on hand to keep the local force busy until the very eve of Christmas.

Boston, Mass., also reports trouble. There has been an increase of 70 per cent in incoming and outgoing mails and only an increase of 2 per cent in the working force of the Boston postoffice.

Slight congestion is reported at Cincinnati. Cheering news has been

received from most of the great centers on the postal circuit.

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MISSIONARY BACK FROM SO. AFRICA

Salt Lake, Dec. 22.—Two returned mission presidents, Frank J. Hewlett, who has just returned from South Africa, and Charles H. Hyde, who was recently released from the Australian mission, were the speakers at the tabernacle yesterday afternoon. President Charles W. Penrose conducted the services. The choir sang for the opening hymn "Sing the Wondrous Story," for the second "Joseph Smith's First Prayer," and for the last "Hail to the Man." The opening prayer was offered by B. F. Grant and the benediction by Bishop William Wood of the Twenty-fourth ward.

Mr. Hewlett was the first speaker. He referred briefly to his impressions of Africa at the time he was called, saying that they were based principally upon stories of adventure, discovery and wild animals that he had read. He found, however, upon arriving in that country, that his ideas were far from correct. He said he found there a very hospitable, progressive and religious people. He outlined briefly some recent history of South Africa, dwelling particularly upon the Boer war. He then sketched present political conditions there, saying that there is another anti-British sentiment being stirred up among the Boers.

Elder Hewlett spoke very favorably of the Boer people, especially in their attitude toward religion. He regretted very much that the church could not send missionaries there who could

speak Dutch, for he was confident that much progress could be made among the Boers if they could be addressed in their own tongue.

Elder Hyde, who followed Elder Hewlett, said that the work in Australia was hampered less by opposition than by the religious indifference of the people. There was, however, some animosity to contend with. In one or two cities the missionaries have been refused the right to speak on the streets and once or twice were compelled to give up their halls on account of the hostility. The publicity given by these disturbances, however, more than compensates for the harm done, he said.

The speaker said that the missionary presidents were making every effort to safeguard the health of the missionaries by having them work in the various parts of the country during the most favorable seasons. He likewise declared there was plenty of work for more missionaries if they could be supplied.

It was announced that the music for the meeting had been chosen as being commemorative partly of Christmas and partly of the birthday of Joseph Smith, which falls on December 23.

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CANAL WILL CAUSE RATE REDUCTIONS

Washington, Dec. 21.—The value of the Panama canal with relation to the development of a merchant marine and American shipping generally as to the Pacific coast cities, the Atlantic ports and inland waterways was discussed effectively and interestingly

today by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon.

Senator Chamberlain is a strong advocate of maintaining the law relating to the Panama canal as it exists today on the statute books, "in spite of British or other protest."

"Three things," said Senator Chamberlain, "are sure to follow the completion of the Panama canal and I state them in order of relative importance."

"First, regulation and control of rates on all trunk lines whether transcontinental or coastwise."

"Second, added stimulus will be given to construction of American ships and hence will begin the rebuilding of our disappearing merchant marine."

"Third, development of coast ports, both Atlantic and Pacific, as well as those on inland waterways which can be reached by ocean steamers without breaking bulk passing through the canal in either direction."

"Of course, it goes without saying that these predictions are based upon the maintenance upon our statute books of the present Panama canal law which evinces a determination to enforce a purely American policy. It is unnecessary to discuss the question of rate regulation and consequent rate reduction. That is conceded practically already."

BONES OF COLUMBUS MAY BE IN PAGEANT

Washington, Dec. 21.—A plan to remove the bones of Christopher Columbus from their resting place in Santo Domingo for transportation through the Panama canal to San Francisco in time for the Panama-Pacific exposition, received senatorial backing today. The idea of those behind the scheme is to place the remains of the discoverer of America on the battle-ship leading the pageant to pass through the Panama project when it shall be open to traffic.

"I see no impropriety in such an undertaking," said Senator Ashurst, chairman of the senate committee on industrial exhibitions. "I believe that any official action ought to be taken through a senate resolution inviting the republic of Santo Domingo to take part in the naval parade. This would place the Columbus remains in the hands of the managers of the pageant."

More Kiss Doctrine.

One Mrs. Minnie Slentz promulgated this unorthodox doctrine in the divorce court a while ago.

"Some couples may kiss each other right up until they are sixty, in an attempt to fool themselves into thinking that their kisses have the genuine heart glow of the first month of marriage, but it is all bosh. Real kissing becomes monotonous during the second year, intermittent from the fourth to the sixth, and stops entirely before the eighth year of married life."

Can this be true? At the risk of infringing on the province of another department of this paper, we invite the opinions of our readers on this important theme. Let your answers or criticisms be brief, either in verse or prose. In the words of Wallace Irwin:

"Enough of kissing—can there be enough?"

Rural Life, the Nation's Hope.

I was my countrymen that the great recent progress made in city life is not a full measure of our civilization, for our civilization rests at bottom on the wholesomeness, the attractiveness and the completeness, as well as the prosperity of life in the country. The men and women on the farms stand for what is fundamentally best and most needed in our American life. Upon the development of country life rests ultimately our ability, by methods requiring the highest intelligence, to continue to feed and clothe the hungry nation; to supply the city with fresh blood, clean bodies and clear brains that can endure the terrific strain of modern life; we need the development of men in the open country who will be in the future as in the past the stay and strength of the nation.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Sure; He Knew All About Oxygen. A Kansas school teacher was explaining to the children what oxygen was, and when she finished she asked: "Now, who can tell me what oxygen is?" After pausing a while one little fellow spoke up and said: "It was one of them things they used to drive before they got horses."

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RATS MAY END LIFE OF LOPEZ

Many Rodents in the Mine to Attack a Dying Man.

Bingham, Dec. 21.—Excitement has given place to monotony in the Lopez man hunt. Even sounds, real or fancied, within the mine where Lopez is believed to be are now productive of only passing interest. Meantime, the armed guards continue to keep watch outside the bulkheads in the Andy tunnel, the Minnie tunnel and the Andy incline, which actually close the Andy workings and shut it off from the rest of the Apex mine.

Noise of falling gravel was heard in the Andy tunnel beyond the bulkhead early yesterday morning. Whether it was caused by movements of the hunted man within or by rats scurrying along the untimbered places of the tunnel, the guards could only conjecture.

The possibility that the Mexican may have been supplied in some manner with non-perishable foodstuffs before the bulkheads shut him in, is one that is causing concern among those who are still engaged in the hunt. An effort to find out if such is the case is being made by those who know the miners who were employed in the Andy workings.

Should Lopez be in the prison into which the mine has been turned, some believe that if he is left to die there he will perhaps fight his final battle with the rats, which are numerous in the workings. It was explained that the animals would doubtless become bolder as the man became weaker and might possibly attack him before death came from starvation, or might mutilate the body after death.

Though no definite information is being given out as to the plans for opening the mine, it is generally believed now that the bulkheads will not be removed until after Christmas and perhaps not before the first of the year. Of the two methods for getting the Mexican out, going in after him or starving him out, the first proved costly of lives and the second can prove effectual only if adhered to to the exclusion of the first method until all danger is past, in the opinion of those who have the matter in charge.

KILLED BY CAVE-IN

Lark, Dec. 21.—Ernest Oliver, 28 years of age, was smothered to death under caving ground in the workings of the Bingham mine here early this morning.

Oliver was operating an electric motor drawing a train of ore cars. One car was being pushed in front of the motor. It flew the track and struck the wall, dislodging several timbers of the tunnel, causing the ground to cave from above, with the result that the man was buried alive. The accident occurred about 11,000 feet in the tunnel. Immediately miners were summoned and the work of reaching the unfortunate young man was begun. Two hours elapsed before it was completed, and a second cave-in occurred which resulted in injury to Benjamin Weinzofen, one of the miners engaged in the rescue work. He suffered a bad wrench of the muscles of his back and possible internal injuries.

Oliver is survived by a widow and three small children. Funeral services will be held at the ward chapel at Fort Harrison, Wednesday at 11 o'clock. The body is being prepared for burial by the Eber W. Hall undertaking company at Bingham. The widow was formerly Miss Bertha Walker of Fort Harrison.

WIFE OF FRANCE'S PRESIDENT SNUBBED

Paris, Dec. 21.—There may be sensational and disagreeable incidents soon if Mme. Poincare, wife of the French president, persists in her avowed intention of receiving equal honors with the wives of the great monarchs of Europe.

So far she never has been officially invited to accompany her husband on visits to the capitals of other countries. She was thus snubbed when her husband was the guest of King George in London and when he was entertained by Alfonso in Madrid. It should be said, however, that she is not singled out on account of herself for special slights. The monarchical countries' queens have taken this attitude for many years; in fact, it started when the Empress Eugenie meddled troublesomely in politics. Since then the wife of the French president has been more or less pointedly re-

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quested to keep in the background. While Mme. Poincare was an Italian vaudeville actress when Poincare fell in love with her and became her attorney in obtaining a divorce from her first husband, the wives of the French royalist society, including the Duchess of Rohan.

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